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COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT IV.C.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

Date: January 9, 2008

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; Westbrook School Department, new grades 6-8 school construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The new middle school will be constructed in Westbrook, Maine, and house 600 students, grades 6 through 8. The project received Concept Approval on May 22, 2007. The subsequent referendum passed with a 75% vote in favor of the project.

The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, Section 15905(1).

The basic design of the project and budget have not changed since Concept Approval, and it has met the needed criteria to move forward which will allow it to be bonded and constructed on schedule.

Westbrook School Department is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a new elementary school qualifying under State statute and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, and

- The Westbrook School Department proposed school construction project is eligible for school construction under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
- The proposed project and authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and Westbrook School Department;
- The Westbrook School Department estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
- The Westbrook School Department proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 301, as it relates to special education facilities.

Project Information

Project: Westbrook Middle School
Superintendent: Stan Sawyer, Superintendent
Principal: Brian Mazjanis
Architect: Dan Cecil, AIA, Harriman

School Closures

Wescott Middle School

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date and Total Project Cost: April 11, 2007, \$33,673,796
Local Only (no State participation): \$7,598,109
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$25,955,687
Anticipated Maine High Performance Schools Energy Grant: \$120,000

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on January 7, 2008, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Westbrook School Department for a new grade 6-8 school construction project located in Westbrook, Maine.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to Westbrook School Department for a new middle school in Westbrook, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.**

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”